

# Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

## Protect our water. Get funding for preventing runoff and erosion on your property, managing manure and improving your barn.

If you live near a municipal well or intake, you may be eligible for funding for best management practices that prevent runoff and erosion and protect municipal drinking water supplies. The Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program will cover up to 70 per cent of the cost depending on the eligible best management practice.

### Why should I prevent erosion on my property?

Soil erosion and runoff can contaminate your local source of municipal drinking water. Well-vegetated stream banks, buffer strips and riparian zones on your property, and other best management practices benefit you and your community by:

- reducing the impacts of flooding and drought
- reducing the costs associated with cleaning out drains
- decreasing water-related health problems in livestock (such as foot rot)
- supporting fish and wildlife habitat and plant diversity
- naturally filtering and trapping sediments
- stabilizing stream banks.

### Am I eligible for funding?

Yes, if your property is within or extends into the following eligible areas:

- 100-metre radius of a municipal wellhead
- 200-metre radius of a surface water intake
- the approved two-year time-of-travel around a municipal wellhead or
- the approved intake protection zone-one (IPZ-1) around a surface water intake.

### What costs can I recover?

You can recover:

- fees for required permits and approvals for any eligible project
- purchased materials and supplies
- contract labour
- fees for related design, inspection, site assessment and construction.

### What best management practices can I get funding for?

The following chart outlines the amount of funding you can receive for different best management practices.

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<b>Best management practice</b>	<b>Amount of funding</b>
Riparian area habitat management	50% up to \$20,000
Erosion control structures (riparian and non-riparian)	50% up to \$20,000
Farmyard and horticultural facilities runoff control	50% up to \$20,000
Cover crops	70% up to \$5000
Soil erosion control planning	25% up to \$1500
Riparian health assessment	25% up to \$1500
Nutrient management planning	25% up to \$1500
Manure land application	70% up to \$10,000
Improving manure storage and handling	70% up to \$60,000
Manure treatment	70% up to \$60,000
Improving water efficiency in barns	70% up to \$40,000
Product and waste management	70% up to \$30,000

Other property owners can contact their local conservation authority to learn more and apply for funding:

<http://conservation-ontario.on.ca/find/index.html>

You can learn more about the Clean Water Act at: [www.ontario.ca/cleanwater](http://www.ontario.ca/cleanwater)

**This publication is for your information only.** For compliance purposes, you should always refer to the Clean Water Act or related regulations.



### **How can I apply for this funding and learn more?**

If you are a registered farmer, you can receive up to 100 per cent of the cost of these activities by combining funding available through the Canada-Ontario Farm Stewardship Program and the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program. Contact the Ontario Soil Crop Improvement Association for details about the two programs and information on how to apply:

[http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/cms/en/Programs/Drinking\\_Water.aspx?menuid=100](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/cms/en/Programs/Drinking_Water.aspx?menuid=100)

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